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In re Patent Application for:

Steve Teig

Serial No.: 10/047,982

Filing Date: 1/14/02

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" on page 1, and insert
therein a new "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" as follows:

--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier-filed U.S.

Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus that
Utilize Diagonal Routes", having serial number 60/325,748, and filed

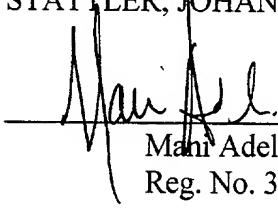
1/19/2001; U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/314,580, and filed 8/23/2001; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/337,504, and filed 12/6/2001. This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus that Utilize Diagonal Routes," filed on December 7, 2001, and having serial number 10/013,819. This patent application is a continuation-in-part application of United States Patent Application entitled "Recursive Partitioning Placement Method and Apparatus," filed on December 6, 2000, and having the Serial No. 09/732,181.--

REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment modifies the claim of benefit to prior applications. The original claim of benefit was included in the first Preliminary Amendment that was submitted with the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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